



**Public Disaster Education and Preparedness (PDE+P) Committee
of the Marin Operational Area Disaster & Citizens Corps Council
(DC3) Committee Meeting**

PDE&P Meeting Minutes for May 3, 2021

Draft approved at PDEP Meeting 6-7-2021

Members Present:

Catherine Way	Co-Chair, DC3, City of Larkspur Councilmember, MCCMC
Adriana Rabkin	CoChair, DC3 Member, Director Marin VOAD
Anne Carta	Marin Medical Reserve Corps
Maggie Lang	Mill Valley Fire, Emergency Prep Coordinator
Tom Cromwell, MD	Marin Medical Reserve Corps etc.
Peter Mendoza	DC3 AFN representative, MarinCIL, Vice Chair Marin VOAD
Jim Wickham	PG&E Safety & Preparedness Specialist, MV Mayor

Members Excused or Absent:

Jay Hubert	DC3, ACS/RACES, FireWise Community, Red Cross
Amber Davis	HHS Public Health Preparedness Manager
Quinn Gardner	San Rafael FD Emergency Manager
Garry Lion	DC3 member, Marin Economic Forum

Members Public Present

Frank Cox	Former PDEP Co Chair/DC3 Member frnkcox5@gmail.com
Lorenzo Cordova	Supervisor Rodoni's Aide, lcordova@marincounty.org
Jody Timms	Marin Commission on Aging jodytimms@comcast.net
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Tom Welch	MVFD Chief, twelch@cityofmillvalley.org
Marco Berger	Multicultural Center of Marin, mberger@multiculturalmarin.org
Michael Bergman	VERG (Valley Emerg Readiness Grp) michaelb.verg@gmail.com
Lori Schifrin	CERT, MMRC lori.sch@att.net
Sara Robinson	Marin Aging & Adult Services, SRobinson@marincounty.org

The following documents were emailed to PDEP in advance:

- PDEP_Agenda 2021-5-3a.pdf**
- PDEP_Minutes 2021-4-5a.pdf (Draft to be approved)**
- PDEP Report Preparedness Survey 2012c.pdf and Appendices A, B, C**

I. Welcome, Introductions, Review of Minutes

- Catherine Way welcomed attendees and Draft PDEP Minutes 4/5/2021 were reviewed. Minutes were approved.
- PDEP presented to the Board of Supervisors last week. We shared our strategic plan and where we are now in Focus Area 1. They liked the CDC Vulnerability Index and had no questions about the list of agencies we had identified as an initial target for preparedness work. All 5 supervisors were very supportive of the hiring of the County wide coordinator. Matthew Hymel was at the meeting and heard that. The county needs to fund this as a permanent position. Chris Reilly presented 3 PDEP positions from 3 years ago. Adriana and Catherine meet with Supervisor Rodoni once a quarter. At our next meeting we will present part 3 of our focus areas.
- Tom Cromwell: The last time this County disaster coordinator position was too broad. Do we have any idea what the job description is?
- Chief Welch: Maggie and regional CERT worked on the job description. It is a blending of 3 roles together: NRGs, CERT and Get Ready programs. Keep position at 60k foot view. Majority of chiefs support it. Chief Ruben Martin met with mayors and city managers and got some support. This coordinator position should live in OES.



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- Catherine Way: PDEPs role is advisory but we have done work that we think will be beneficial to this role. The County needs to take the initiative with this.

II. Focus Area #1: Marin's Vulnerable Residents. Part 3: Preparedness Assessment

We are devoting a couple of meetings to identify vulnerable residents and how to engage them with emergency preparedness.

- Recap from last meeting: we defined vulnerable populations using the Social Vulnerability Index from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).¹
- We identified a few key agencies that serve Marin's vulnerable residents. It is important to include agencies that plan rather than those who mainly respond.
- We Sent out the 2012 and 2016 PDEP surveys in advance of this meeting to see if there are usable questions from those past efforts. Today's task is to identify which specific questions to ask the agencies about their emergency preparedness education for their clients:

- Do you work with your community members to prepare for disaster?
- How do you communicate about disaster preparation?
- Sara Robinson: Do you provide preparedness education resources directly? Do you direct people to resources (Alert Marin, Fire Wise)?
- Frank Cox: Building off the 2012 survey start off with who are you, what do you do, who do you serve. If you do disaster stuff, is it for staff, members, other? How do you do it? The 2016 survey of DC3 members was very similar and identified obstacles to providing emergency preparedness as staff, funding, other. Ask what are obstacle to providing this information now?
- Adriana Rabkin: The 2012 survey focused primarily on Government agencies. Our current effort is on CBOs.
- Frank Cox: 67% of 2012 respondents were from government agencies. We also cannot ignore the state and federal agencies.
- Maggie Lang: For those providers who direct people elsewhere, what resources are they using for their own staff and others? What are you using as source material? Source material could be Ready Marin, Red Cross, FEMA, Ready.gov.
- Sara Robinson: What are the unique needs of the community you serve? Language? Lower income? Age? Lack of transportation?
- Peter Mendoza: What services will you be providing in an emergency? Do they have a disaster plan? Do you have a resilience plan? What services will be shut down in an emergency? How can you be supported, what do you need?
- Maggie Lang: Is the series of questions about preparedness? Because now this is veering into response. Adriana Rabkin: If we are working with CBOs on disaster preparedness we need to focus on preparedness education and material. We want to avoid causing confusion and mixing preparedness and response.
- Sara Robinson: What method of communication do you use to reach your client?
- Frank Cox: there is no black and white line between preparedness and response. Questions do not need to be so tightly aligned to exclude organizations. Adriana Rabkin: There is a bigger pool of organizations involved in preparedness. Fewer are involved in the actual disaster response. All organizations can be communicating information to their communities about disaster preparation but from a VOAD perspective I don't want every faith organization setting up their own shelter as part of disaster response.

¹ CDC Social Vulnerability Index: https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/at-a-glance_svi.html#



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- Catherine Way: Next meeting we can move to neighborhood response and talk about Focus Area 2: Neighborhood organizations and outreach.
- Adriana Rabkin: The 2012 survey was helpful. We need to find the right lane for PDEP now. Have there been surveys of residents? We should find out what has been done and what needs to be done to further this area of community preparedness and resilience.
- Sara Robinson: There was an older adults assessment: They were asked what are the most important concerns you have? Responses were Climate change #1, disasters #2. Age Friendly groups have asked the same question. Responses are similar: Disasters, housing.
- Maggie Lang: Mill Valley Emergency Preparedness Group (EPG) has held different community events and had surveys. The big question is do all of our education efforts make any difference? We asked residents if they have family emergency plan, out of area contact, go bag, food and water for 5 days.
- Frank Cox: Quinn Gardner and Central Marin NRG and block captains might have a lot of this information.
- Catherine Way: we might want to put forth the idea to survey community members as part of this effort.

Additional thoughts to consider:

- How do we identify people who are not connected to any service
- Work with NRGs and Firewise communities, libraries, schools and other to administer survey? To share information about disaster prep?
- Identify any consistency and similar efforts that we can implement across all efforts.

III. Updates from PDEP members

MCCMC Marin County Council Mayors + City Councilmembers

- Catherine Way: No update

Marin VOAD

- Adriana Rabkin: Marin VOAD continues holding weekly meetings with Public Health to provide a forum to CBOs to hear the current status with Covid. These meetings will move to every other week and will shift from Covid to wildfires and PSPS as needed.
- We are working with 4 different geographic zones (West Marin, Marin City, Novato and Canal) as part of Covid Outbreak Prevention and Respose Teams to ensure the needs are being met within the lower HPI (Healthy Places Index) regions in the County.
- Thinking ahead to fire season, we are working with RACES and Ham radio operators to develop a disaster communications system.
- Contemplating whether or not we are able to hold our annual event in the fall. Catherine Way: It was a great event in 2019. I liked that other regional leaders participated. Adriana: Marin VOAD is part of the NorCal VOAD regional network as well as we started a smaller Bay Area VOAD network with Napa, Sonoma, SF, Santa Clara where we have become trusted partners, we share documents and best practice, and we support each other in disasters.

West Marin

- Stephen Marcotte was not present. No update.
- We will reach out to 5 district reps of DC3 to ask them to attend PDEP meetings. Jay is district 1, Steve is district 5. Catherine will find out who the others are.



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Red Cross

- Vincent Valenzuela was not present. No update.

Southern Marin / Business Community

- Garry Lion was not present. No update.

Mill Valley Preparedness, community efforts

- Maggie Lang: Organizing NRGs in new neighborhoods. Monthly block captain orientations continue. We are posting for the SMDC Coordinator soon.
- Asking if we should shift from Mill Valley to Southern Marin focus for advisory meetings, similar to what Fire Depts are doing.
- CERT: first Marin county basic training class again. Hybrid class online 10-12 hours. 85 people registered. In person portion is outdoors, wear masks, wear gloves.
- Continuing education offered via Zoom for all CERTs
- May 15 next skills day will complete CERT training; July 17 skills day in W Marin.

Public Health Preparedness and related programs

- Amber Davis was not present. No update.

Access & Functional Needs (AFN) communities:

- Peter Mendoza: OES is updating Emergency Operations Plan and Marin CIL will be a part of that.
- Participated in a class discussing importance of having personal assistants. Similar to County's IHSS program.
- Taking UASI classes. County EOC classes are not credited toward UASI accreditation. PDEP may want to look into this: The County should be accredited. I want to be deployed as needed in different areas, outside of CA.
- PSPS: Marin CIL is developing activities to help folks prepare their disaster plans and sign up for PGE medical baseline program. Also providing batteries for medical needs as well as funding for small amounts of food and shelter if needed.

Public Safety / Emergency Management

- Jim Wickham: PG&E is gearing up for upcoming fire season. Working with County on CRC (Customer Resource Centers) to deploy for other natural disasters: earthquake, flooding, other emergencies where communities need support. Expanding CRC use for these other situations because gas and electric are involved in all disasters.
- Jim is assigned to Marin and SF. There is a new CEO and management team at PG&E. There is pressure on PG&E to NOT cause fires. They expect there will be at least one PSPS in Marin this year. CPUC and Judge Alsep who is overseeing criminal conviction against PG&E from the San Bruno pipeline explosion are watching PG&E carefully. PG&E has added new weather stations and fire cameras in Marin and there is new vegetation management. Catherine Way: A webcam picked up the smoke at Big Basin. Jim: Get the Wildfire Alert on your phone.² There are 47 weather stations in Marin. 20 are PG&E, the rest are with partners. Our Fire Dept. uses cameras a lot.
- Catherine Way: Has PG&E found what media works? Jim: Covid has expanded the Medical Baseline Program. Customer relations tracks results from ads, billing, website, television.

² Fires-Wildfire Maps and Info by Ryan Strouse <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/fires-wildfire-maps-and-info/id1143862825>



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Marin Medical Reserve Corps (MMRC)

- Anne Carta: MMRC volunteers continue helping at the vaccine site at Marin Center. This is closing Fri. 5.28. The County is pivoting to field based operations and pediatric vaccines. MMRC is supporting AFN needs and we are getting the team up and running for mobile testing.
- Looking toward fire season and what our team would be for shelter, emergency call center, etc. Many volunteers are brand new and don't know what that looks like. Also looking into how to support seniors and AFN with disaster prep.
- Tom Cromwell: Vaccine supply now exceeds demand. MMRC has grown to over 800 volunteers. We have to figure out how to maintain involvement after Covid.
- FADR stop the bleed classes are being considered virtually. We will have teams sent to fire scenes. Our volunteers can set up in libraries, etc.
- Trailers at Los Gamos are being inventoried. MMRC may help with this. Figure out what is in each trailer and where they should be positioned.
- Catherine: Maybe MMRC can get involved in their local NRGs.

Public Preparedness Coordinator / Get Ready Marin

- There is currently no coordinator. No update.

OES RACES Chief Radio officer, San Rafael CERT steering and Firewise

- Jay Hubert: RACES / ACS³: was not present. No update.

Public Comment/Questions:

- Frank Cox: Encourage Supervisor Rodoni to get County coordinator into County position. There is a budget surplus of \$10 million.

IV. Closing Items

- We will move to Focus Area 2: NRG and Outreach at the next PDEP meeting on June 7.
- Next DC3 meeting is June 10.

Closure: 2:12 pm end of meeting

Next Meetings: 1-3pm:

Dates may be flexible as circumstances require

PDEP Meetings Year 2021: 6/7, 7/12, 8/2, 9/13, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6/2021

Site: PDEP conducts meetings online using ZOOM.COM during the Pandemic. We hope to return to meetings at the Central Marin Police Community Room soon.

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#### **DC3 Meetings: 3-5pm:**

**DC3 Year 2021: 6/10/2021, 9/9/2021, 12/9/2021**

DC3 Meetings are currently remote and are broadcast on Zoom and Facebook Live. They hope to return to Board Chambers, Civic Center, soon. Dates may be flexible.

**Online:** <https://www.marinsheriff.org/about-us/field-service-bureau/office-of-emergency-services>

**Email:** [pdepcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:pdepcommittee@gmail.com)

<sup>3</sup> Marin County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and Auxiliary Communications Services (ACS) are volunteers working under the authority of the Marin County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES). <https://www.marinraces.org/wp/>



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